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## Commissioner for Patents

The reply brief and corrected appeal brief filed January 19, 2009 have been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. The corrected appeal brief has been entered because it merely corrects typographical error, replacing "46" with --47-- in "Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal" (III). Appellant's reason for correction, claim 47 was only rejected over Takagi, is found inconsistent with the Final rejection. Examiner in Final rejection rejects claim 47 over Kondoh, not over Takagi.

**Examiner Correspondence**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Ip whose telephone number is (571) 272-1241. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 5:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Roy V. King, can be reached on (571)-272-1244.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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